

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Convertible vehicle (1) with a roof (2), which is at least partially covered with a flexible roof covering (4), which is supported from below by one or more bows (6; 7) that extend transversely to the direction of vehicle travel (F), wherein at least one bow (6; 7) ~~is designed with~~ has multiple parts and ~~has~~ a middle section (9) that is connected permanently and immovably to lateral mounting fixtures (10), ~~wherein, to connect~~ further comprising fastening means for connecting the middle section (9) to the mounting fixtures (10), ~~fastening means (16) are provided, which, wherein~~ when the roof is closed, ~~are at least approximately~~ the fastening means extend parallel to the plane (17; 18) of the outer roof covering (4) in ~~the~~ an area of each bow (6; 7).

2. (Currently Amended) Convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, wherein the mounting fixtures (10) engage positively with the middle section (9), and ~~in that~~ the fastening means (16) pass through both parts (9; 10).

3. (Previously Presented) Convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, wherein the middle section (9) has a retaining channel (13), which runs the length of the middle section (9), to hold a thickened bead (14) or similar edge area of a fastener (15) for the roof covering.

4. (Previously Presented) Convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 3, wherein the fastening means (16) can be inserted through the retaining channel (13) and are covered by the roof covering fastener (15) when in the installed position.

5. (Previously Presented) Convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 4, wherein at least one of the mounting fixtures (10) has a recessed insertion region (22) leading to the retaining channel (13).

6. (Previously Presented) Convertible vehicle according to Claim 5, wherein the insertion region (22) widens towards the center of the vehicle.

7. (Previously Presented) Convertible vehicle according to Claim 1, wherein the fastening means (16) are screws, the heads (21) of which face the retaining channel (13) when in the installed position.

8. (Previously Presented) Convertible vehicle according to Claim 1, wherein the middle section (9) of the bow (6; 7) has an essentially elliptical cross section with a major axis (20) that is at least approximately parallel to the plane (17; 18) of the roof covering in the vicinity of each bow (6; 7).

9. (Previously Presented) Convertible vehicle according to Claim 1, wherein the mounting fixture (10) has a flattened shape.

10. (Currently Amended) Movable vehicle roof (2) for a convertible vehicle (1) which is at least partially covered with a flexible roof covering (4), which is supported from below by one or more bows (6; 7) that extend transversely to the direction of vehicle travel (F), wherein at least one bow (6; 7) has multiple parts and has a middle section (9) that is connected permanently and immovably to lateral mounting fixtures (10), further comprising fastening means for connecting the middle section (9) to the mounting fixtures (10), wherein when the roof is closed, the fastening means extend parallel to the plane (17; 18) of the outer roof covering (4) in an area of each bow (6; 7).